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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GREGORY LEE MCCALL,
Plaintiff,
vs.
LINDA T. MCGREW,
WARDEN; GUSTIN,
ASSISTANT WARDEN; S.
STIPE, EDUCATION
TEACHER; J. TONEY,
ASSISTANT WARDEN; M.
SCHULDT, ASSISTANT
SUPERVISOR OF
EDUCATION,
Defendants.) Case No. CV 12-6687-VAP (DTB)
ORDER REVOKING IN FORMA
PAUPERIS PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. §
1915(g)

Plaintiff, while a prisoner at the Federal Correctional Complex - Victorville II, in Adelanto, California, filed this pro se civil rights action on August 30, 2012, after plaintiff was granted leave to proceed without prepayment of the full filing fee. Prior to screening the Complaint for service, the Court ascertained that plaintiff had previously filed numerous federal lawsuits in a variety of federal judicial districts, and that in at least five (5) of these prior cases, courts have dismissed plaintiff's actions on the grounds that the complaint was frivolous, malicious, or failed to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. Specifically, the Court discovered the following:

1 (1) In McCall v. Pace, et al., Case No. 03-0755-CV-W-FJG-P (W.D. Mo. 2003) the
 2 action was dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1)); (2) in McCall v.
 3 Cornwell, et al., Case No. 03-0756-CV-W-FJG-P (W.D. Mo. 2003) the action was
 4 dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1)); (3) in McCall v. Sybrant, et al., Case
 5 No. 03-0757-CV-W-ODS-P (W.D. Mo. 2003) the action was dismissed pursuant to
 6 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1)); (4) in McCall v. Whipple, et al., Case No. 03-0015-CV-W-
 7 FJG-P (W.D. Mo. 2003) the action was dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
 8 1915A(b)(1); and (5) in McCall v. Sybrant, Case No. 04-0126-CV-W-ODS-P (W.D.
 9 Mo. 2004) the action was dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1) & (2).

10 Pursuant to the Prison Litigation Reform Action, a prisoner shall not be
 11 authorized pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1) to commence an action or proceeding
 12 without payment of the full filing fee if such prisoner “has, on 3 or more prior
 13 occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action . . . that
 14 was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim
 15 upon which relief may be granted.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

16 On September 7, 2012, the Court issued an Order to Show Cause (“OSC”)
 17 ordering plaintiff to show cause as to why the order granting him in forma pauperis
 18 status in this matter should not be vacated, and that the action be dismissed without
 19 prejudice pending payment of the full filing fee of \$350.00, in light of the information
 20 regarding plaintiff’s prior “strikes” under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

21 Specifically, the Court informed plaintiff in the OSC that it had ascertained that
 22 plaintiff had previously filed numerous federal lawsuits, and that, in at least five (5)
 23 of these prior cases, the court had dismissed plaintiff’s actions on the grounds that the
 24 complaints were frivolous, malicious, or failed to state a claim upon which relief may
 25 be granted.

26 On September 18, 2012 plaintiff filed his Response (“Response”) to the OSC
 27 wherein he asserts that “the imminent danger of serious physical injury was met in
 28 2003 and has continued to date.” (Response at 5.) Plaintiff further asserts that

1 “[c]areful review of the prisoners prior law suits were never dismissed as frivolous or
 2 malicious.” (Id.)

3 Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) a prisoner may be excused from the three strikes
 4 provision precluding in forma pauperis status if “the prisoner is under imminent
 5 danger of serious physical injury.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). Plaintiff must demonstrate
 6 that he was “under imminent danger of serious physical injury” at the time he filed the
 7 complaint. Andrews v. Cervantes, 493 F.3d 1047, 1053, 1055 (9th Cir. 2007)
 8 (explaining that the exception to the three-strikes rule applies only “if the complaint
 9 makes a plausible allegation that the prisoner faced ‘imminent danger of serious
 10 physical injury’ at the time of filing”).¹ The Court must determine if: (1) The potential
 11 harm amounts to “serious physical injury” and; (2) whether the threat is “imminent.”
 12 Cervantes, 493 F.3d at 1055-56. Moreover, a prisoner fails to meet the exception
 13 where claims of imminent danger are conclusory. Cervantes, 493 F.3d at 1057 n. 11.

14 The Court has reviewed plaintiff’s Response, as well as the Complaint, and
 15 finds that plaintiff has failed to show cause as to why his in forma pauperis status in
 16 this matter should not be revoked pursuant to §1915(g), as plaintiff has had, on at least
 17 five prior occasions, while incarcerated, brought an action that was dismissed on the
 18 grounds that it was frivolous or because it failed to state a claim upon which relief
 19 could be granted. Although plaintiff asserts that at the time of filing the Complaint,

21 ¹ As the Cervantes Court stated: “[a]lthough no other circuit has
 22 specifically addressed post-complaint changes in circumstance, all maintain a singular
 23 focus on the facts alleged in the complaint in deciding whether a prisoner faced the
 24 requisite harm. See, e.g., Ibrahim v. Dist. of Columbia, 463 F.3d 3, 6 (D.C.Cir. 2006)
 25 (“In determining whether he qualifies [for the ‘imminent danger’ exception], we look
 26 to the complaint. . . .”); Brown v. Johnson, 387 F.3d 1344, 1350 (11th Cir. 2004)
 27 (“[T]he issue [under § 1915(g)] is whether his complaint, as a whole, alleges
 28 imminent danger of serious physical injury.”). We are in agreement with all of these
 cases in holding that it is the circumstances at the time of the filing of the complaint
 that matters for purposes of the “imminent danger” exception to § 1915(g).”
Cervantes, 493 F.3d at 1053.

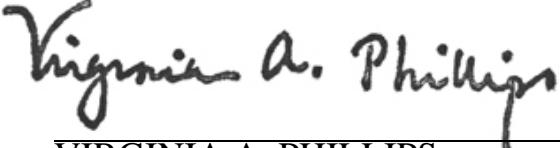
1 he was in imminent danger (*i.e.* the imminent danger of serious physical injury was
2 met in 2003 and has continued to date), the Court disagrees. Plaintiff's Complaint
3 alleges that defendants denied plaintiff access to the Inmate Trust Fund Copier; that
4 defendants denied plaintiff copies in a bankruptcy proceeding; that defendants denied
5 plaintiff access to the courts by denying him access to the copy machine; and that
6 defendants are practicing law without a license by making legal determinations as to
7 the content of plaintiff's legal matters. (Complaint at 7.) Plaintiff seeks a temporary
8 restraining order restraining defendants from "implementing the order and carrying
9 out their plan to hinder plaintiff's access to the court." (Complaint at 8.) Denial of
10 access to the courts is not a sufficient claim to allege that plaintiff was in imminent
11 danger of serious physical injury at the time he filed the Complaint.

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13 CONCLUSION AND ORDER

14 Accordingly, the Court hereby REVOKEs plaintiff's in forma pauperis status.
15 Plaintiff is ORDERED to pay the full filing fee of \$350.00 on or before December 5,
16 2012. In the event plaintiff fails to pay the full \$350.00 filing fee by December 5,
17 2012, this action will be dismissed without prejudice pending payment of the full
18 filing fee.

19 DATED: November 5, 2012 —

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21 VIRGINIA A. PHILLIPS
22 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

23 Presented by:

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25 David T. Bristow
26 United States Magistrate Judge

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